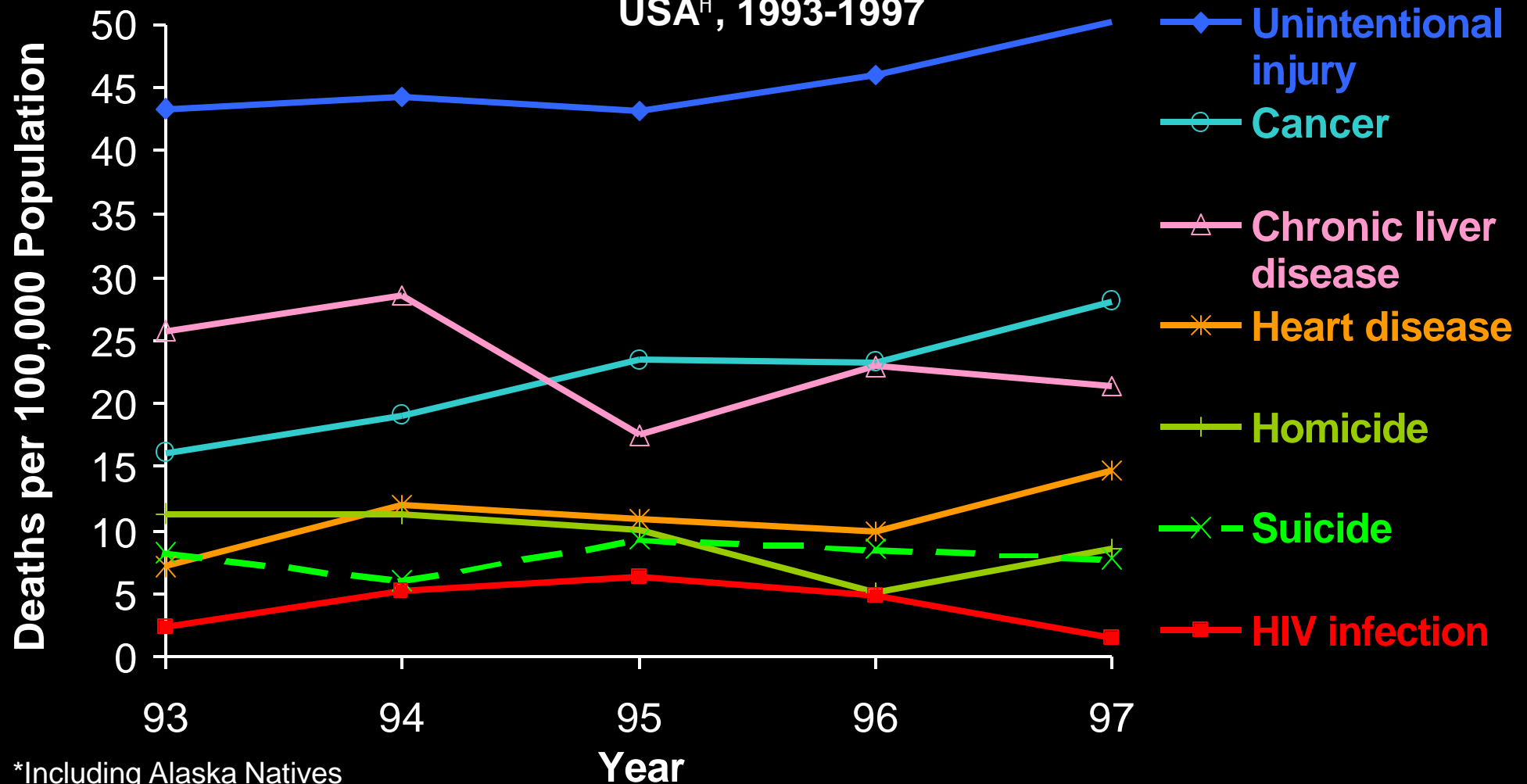


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*Including Alaska Natives

†Excluding data from Oklahoma, where Hispanic ethnicity was not recorded on death certificates until 1997.

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